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## U. S. CATTLE ON FEED 1,000+ CAPACITY FEEDLOTS

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States (for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head) totaled 10.91 million head on May 1, 2000. The inventory was 9 percent above the May 1, 1999 and 12 percent above May 1, 1998.

Placements in feedlots during April totaled 1.69 million, slightly below 1999 but 6 percent above 1998. Net placements were 1.60 million. During April, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 299,000, 600-699 pounds were 307,000, 700-799 pounds were 568,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 511,000 head.

Marketings of fed cattle during April totaled 1.87 million, 4 percent below 1999 and 1 percent below 1998. April 2000 had two fewer weekdays than April 1999, which limited slaughter and affected the year-to-year relationship for marketings.

Other disappearance totaled 90,000 during April, 13 percent below 1999 and 2 percent below 1998.

## CATTLE ON FEED IN HISTORIC 7 STATES UP 11 PERCENT

Cattle on feed May 1, 2000, in the historic 7 States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 9.36 million, up 9 percent from the previous year and 13 percent above May 1, 1998.

Placements in feedlots during April totaled 1.45 million head, slightly above 1999 and 7 percent above 1998.

Marketings during April totaled 1.59 million, 5 percent below 1999 and down 1 percent from 1998. April 2000 had two fewer weekdays than April 1999, which limited slaughter and affected the year-to-year relationship for marketings.

Other disappearance during April was 71,000 head, 9 percent above 1998.

Cattle on Feed: U.S. Number Placed on Feed, by weight groups, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, March and April 2000

Month	Less than 600 lbs	600-699 lbs	700-799 lbs	800+ lbs	Total
1,000 head					
Mar	331	406	*710	564	*2,011
Apr	299	307	568	511	1,685

\*Revised

Cattle and calves on feed, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, 7 Historic States and United States

State	Number on feed April 1			Placed during April			Marketed during April			Other disappearance during April			Number on feed May 1		
	1999	2000	2000-99	1999	2000	2000-99	1999	2000	2000-99	1999	2000	2000-99	1999	2000	2000-99
	1,000 head		Percent	1,000 head		Percent	1,000 head		Percent	1,000 head		Percent	1,000 head		Percent
AZ	214	273	128	26	34	131	31	28	90	1	3	300	208	276	133
CA	385	405	105	75	56	124	50	49	98	5	7	140	375	405	108
CO	1,120	1,170	104	200	185	93	190	170	89	10	5	50	1,120	1,180	105
IA	360	375	104	42	40	95	50	44	88	2	1	50	350	370	106
KS	2,080	2,280	110	350	370	106	*420	390	930	30	30	100	1,980	2,230	113
NE	2,180	2,310	106	340	320	94	380	380	100	20	10	50	2,120	2,240	106
TX	2,560	2,760	108	440	445	101	560	530	95	10	15	150	2,430	2,660	109
7 States	8,899	9,573	108	1,443	1,450	100	*1,681	1,591	95	78	71	91	8,583	9,361	109
Oth. Sts.	1,495	1,609	108	245	235	96	265	277	105	26	19	73	1,449	1,548	107
U.S.	10,304	11,182	108	*1,688	1,685	100	*1,946	1,868	96	104	90	87	10,032	10,909	109

Average prices, Nebraska, dollars per cwt

Week ended	Slaughter steers				Slaughter heifers			
	Choice 1100-1300 lbs				Choice 1000-1200 lbs			
	1999		2000		1999		2000	
Apr 15	65.05		73.59		65.06		73.44	
Apr 22	65.20		74.48		65.16		74.20	
Apr 29	65.78		74.37		65.63		74.25	

# CHICKENS AND EGGS

## FLORIDA

Table eggs sold in mid-May 2000 averaged 35.0 cents, down 8.0 cents from mid-April. Table egg production in Florida during April was 226 million eggs, down 5 percent from the previous month.

## UNITED STATES

U.S. egg production totaled 7.01 billion during April 2000, up 3 percent from the 6.78 billion produced in 1999. Production included 5.91 billion table eggs and 1.10 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.04 billion were broiler-type and 67.0 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during April 2000 averaged 329 million, up 2 percent from the total average number of layers during April 1999. April egg production per 100 layers was 2,130 eggs, up 1 percent from 2,110 eggs in April 1999. April 2000 contained 20 weekdays and five Saturdays, compared to 22 weekdays and four Saturdays in April 1999.

All layers in the U.S. on May 1, 2000, totaled 328 million, up 2 percent from a year ago. The 328 million layers consisted of 267 million layers producing table or commercial type eggs, 58.0 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.94 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on May 1, 2000, averaged 70.4 eggs per 100 layers, up 1 percent from the 70.0 a year ago.

Laying flocks in the 30 major egg producing States produced 6.57 billion eggs during April, up 3 percent from April 1999. The average number of layers during April, at 309 million, was up 2 percent from a year earlier.

Mid-month table egg prices received  
by Florida egg producers.

Month	Cents per dozen	
	1999	2000
January	49.0	41.0
February	45.0	38.0
March	44.0	41.0
April	37.0	43.0
May	28.0	35.0
June	37.0	
July	34.0	
August	41.0	
September	32.0	
October	26.0	
November	42.0	
December	38.0	

**FLORIDA:** Layers on hand first of month;  
percentages by age and molting stage

	May 1999	Mar 2000	Apr 2000	May 2000
Total layers on hand: Thous.	10,647	10,532	10,725	10,444
Percent of layers:				
Being molted	13.5	6.0	0.5	4.0
Molt completed	35.0	36.0	28.0	36.0

Layers and egg production, April 2000, production year-to-date egg production for selected States

Selected States	Average layers on hand	Eggs per 100 layers	Egg production				Layers	
			Total	Table	Hatching	Year to date <sup>1/</sup>	Being molted	Molt completed
	Thousand		Millions				Percent	
Alabama	10,556	1,895	200	68	132	1,005	2.5	10.0
Arkansas	15,654	1,885	295	107	188	1,495	2.0	6.0
California	23,973	2,152	516			3,560	7.5	38.0
<b>Florida</b>	<b>10,585</b>	<b>2,135</b>	<b>226</b>	<b>214</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>1,154</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>36.0</b>
Georgia	20,946	2,077	435	257	178	2,209	7.0	15.5
Indiana	23,071	2,224	513	500	13	2,565	3.5	33.5
Iowa	27,685	2,236	619			3,064	1.5	32.0
Maine	4,240	2,311	98			501	0.0	0.0
Maryland	3,335	2,129	71	65	6	387	7.0	38.0
Michigan	6,321	2,139	135			678	10.0	22.5
Minnesota	12,446	2,105	262	252	10	1,364	4.5	30.5
Mississippi	7,010	1,954	137	45	92	668	0.5	11.5
Missouri	6,022	2,142	129			666	2.0	22.0
Nebraska	11,742	2,129	250	250		1,238	4.5	26.0
New York	3,989	2,306	92			455	1.0	6.5
North Carolina	11,042	1,829	202	74	128	1,062	0.5	8.0
Ohio	31,633	2,165	685			3,448	4.0	13.5
Pennsylvania	23,116	2,241	518	497	21	574	5.0	19.5
South Carolina	4,986	2,006	100	83	17	490	5.0	33.0
Texas	17,172	2,137	367			872	4.5	19.0
Virginia	3,502	2,027	71	33	38	350	2.5	18.5
Washington	4,826	2,267	109			543	5.5	43.0
Other States	45,419	2,169	440	345	95	3,428	4.1	20.0
United States	329,271	2,130	7,014	5,911	1,103	35,320	4.0	22.3

<sup>1/</sup> Production year begins December 1.

## HATCHERY PRODUCTION

### FLORIDA

The April hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 11,713,000 was 15 percent above a year earlier. Broiler-type eggs in incubators on May 1, at 8,675,000, were 7 percent above a year ago.

Egg-type hatch during April at 966,000 chicks, was 22 percent below last year. Egg-type eggs in incubators on May 1, at 1,044,000 was 44 percent above last year.

### UNITED STATES

The April 2000 hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 744 million, was up 1 percent from April of the previous year. There were 637 million eggs in incubators on May 1, 2000, up slightly from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 6.76 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during April 2000, down 4 percent from April 1999.

Egg-type chicks hatched during April totaled 36.6 million, down 13 percent from April 1999. Eggs in incubators totaled 36.9 million on May 1, 2000, up 5 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 309,000 during April 2000, up 8 percent from April 1999

Hatchery production, United States

Item	1999	2000	2000 % of 1999
-- Thousands --			
Egg-Type:			
Eggs in incubators: May 1	35,084	36,943	105
Chicks hatched during Apr	41,950	36,621	87
Pullets hatched during Apr for intended placements in hatchery supply flocks	287	309	108
7-18 months earlier <sup>1/</sup>	2,942	2,981	101
Broiler-Type:			
Eggs in incubators: May 1	635,797	632,719	100
Chicks hatched during Apr	734,734	743,516	101
Pullets hatched during Apr for intended placements in hatchery supply flocks	7,038	6,764	96
7-14 months earlier <sup>2/</sup>	61,775	64,663	105

<sup>1/</sup> 2000 includes pullet chicks hatched October 1998 through September 1999 <sup>2/</sup> 2000 includes pullet chicks hatched January 1999 through September 1999.

## MILK PRODUCTION

### FLORIDA

Florida dairy farms produced 230 million pounds of milk during April 2000, unchanged from the previous April. Production per cow, at 1,455 pounds, was 1 percent above last year. Milk cow numbers on Florida dairy farms in April totaled 158,000, 1 percent below last year.

### UNITED STATES

Milk production in the 20 major States during April totaled 12.4 billion pounds, up 3.7 percent from production in these same States in April 1999. March revised production, at 12.7 billion pounds, was up 3.7 percent from March 1999. The March revision represented a decrease of 0.1 percent or 15 million pounds from last months preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 20 major States averaged 1,598 pounds for April, 44 pounds above April 1999.

The number of cows on farms in the 20 major States was 7.79 million head, 66,000 head more than April 1999 and 12,000 head more than March 2000.

Milk cows and production, Florida and U.S.

Month and year	Milk cows	Monthly milk production	
		Per cow	Monthly Total
	Thous.	Lbs.	Mil. Lbs.
Florida:			
April 1999	160	1,435	230
March 2000	157	1,530	240
April 2000	158	1,455	230
20 Major States:			
April 1999	7,720	1,554	11,998
March 2000	7,774	1,631	12,679
April 2000	7,786	1,598	12,441
United States			
April 1999	--	--	13,938
March 2000	--	--	14,740
April 2000	--	--	14,451

Milk production by quarters, United States

Month	Milk cows <sup>1/</sup>		Milk per cow <sup>2/</sup>		Milk production	
	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000
	Thousand		Pounds		Mil. Lbs	
Jan-Mar	9,128	9,187	4,437	4,634	40,505	42,576
Apr-Jun	9,155		4,591		42,029	
Jul-Sep	9,171		4,337		39,771	
Oct-Dec	9,170		4,406		40,406	
Annual Total	9,156		17,771		162,711	

<sup>1/</sup> Dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh.

<sup>2/</sup> Excludes milk sucked by calves.

## LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER

Commercial red meat output in Florida for April 2000 was 3.8 million pounds, 9 percent above the same month last year. Commercial production of red meat in the United States for April at 3.46 billion pounds, was 9 percent below 1999.

### Commercial slaughter and red meat production, Florida and United States

Source and kind	Apr 1999	Mar 2000	Apr 2000	Year to date 1999	Year to date 2000
<b>Florida <sup>1/</sup></b>					
Hogs:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	9	8	6	33	28
Total liveweight (1,000 pounds)	1,609	1,457	1,168	6,047	5,182
Red Meat production (million pounds)	3.5	4.7	3.8	13.6	17.1
<b>United States</b>					
Cattle:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	2,971	3,131	2,782	11,705	11,787
Total liveweight (million pounds)	3,569	3,802	3,344	14,215	14,354
Average liveweight (pounds)	1,201	1,215	1,202	1,214	1,218
Beef production (million pounds)	2,155	2,300	2,026	8,554	8,679
Calves:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	97	103	81	419	372
Total liveweight (million pounds)	29	33	28	120	120
Average liveweight (pounds)	303	320	343	288	322
Veal production (million pounds)	18	20	17	73	72
Hogs:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	8,530	8,811	7,210	34,109	32,229
Liveweight (million pounds)	2,216	2,308	1,893	8,830	8,442
Average liveweight (pounds)	260	262	262	259	262
Pork production (million pounds)	1,629	1,700	1,394	6,495	6,218
Red meat production (million pounds)	3,822	4,044	3,460	15,209	15,056

<sup>1/</sup> Florida cattle and calves data not printed to avoid disclosing individual operations.

### Average Dollars Per Cwt Received through 13 Florida Auctions March 1999 and 2000

Stocker calves under 300 lbs.					Stocker calves over 300 lbs.				
Grade	1999		2000		Grade	1999		2000	
	Steers	Heifers	Steers	Heifers		Steers	Heifers	Steers	Heifers
Medium #1	102.27	84.90	137.94	120.39	Medium #1	90.51	75.84	115.29	104.64
Medium #2	93.35	75.46	120.88	103.84	Medium #2	80.21	69.97	101.59	91.78
All grades	101.82	81.33	134.13	116.31	All grades	85.65	73.74	112.38	99.96

SOURCE: FDA & CS, Div. Of Marketing and Development, Market News Service.